

Nations
shall come
to your
light,
and
kings
to the
BRIGHTNESS
of your DAWN.

Isaiah 60:3, NRSV



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Service of the Word

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn

TLH 498 Rise Thou Light of Gentile Nations

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C (spoken) Amen.

Confession and Absolution

P God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

C If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanses us from all sin.

P If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P Let us pray together:

C Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. But we are sorry for our transgressions and pray You, of Your bountiful mercy, to be gracious and merciful unto us. Forgive us for Jesus' sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting.

P Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven. With boldness and confidence, we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord!

Gloria Patri

TLH pg 16



C Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Kyrie

TLH pg 17



C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

TLH 237 (v. 1)

♪ All glory be to God on high, Who hath our race befriended!

To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended.

God showeth His good will to men, And peace shall reign on earth again;

Oh thank Him for His goodness! ♪

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C (spoken) And also with you.

P Let us pray. . .

C (spoken) Amen

First Reading

Isaiah 60:1-11

Arise, shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you. 2 For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, And deep darkness the people; But the Lord will arise over you, And His glory will be seen upon you. 3 The Gentiles shall come to your light, And kings to the brightness of your rising.

4 "Lift up your eyes all around, and see: They all gather together, they come to you; Your sons shall come from afar, And your daughters shall be nursed at your side. 5 Then you shall see and become radiant, And your heart shall swell with joy; Because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, The wealth of the Gentiles shall come to you. 6 The multitude of camels shall

cover your land, The dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; All those from Sheba shall come; They shall bring gold and incense, And they shall proclaim the praises of the Lord. 7 All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered together to you, The rams of Nebaioth shall minister to you; They shall ascend with acceptance on My altar, And I will glorify the house of My glory.

8 “Who are these who fly like a cloud, And like doves to their roosts? 9 Surely the coastlands shall wait for Me; And the ships of Tarshish will come first, To bring your sons from afar, Their silver and their gold with them, To the name of the Lord your God, And to the Holy One of Israel, Because He has glorified you.

10 “The sons of foreigners shall build up your walls, And their kings shall minister to you; For in My wrath I struck you, But in My favor I have had mercy on you. 11 Therefore your gates shall be open continually; They shall not be shut day or night, That men may bring to you the wealth of the Gentiles, And their kings in procession.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 72:8, 10-11

P He shall have dominion also from sea to sea,

C **And from the River to the ends of the earth.**

P The kings of Tarshish and of the isles will bring presents;

C **The kings of Sheba and Seba will offer gifts.**

P Yes, all kings shall fall down before Him;

C **All nations shall serve Him.**

Second Reading

Luke 4:16-21

So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read. 17 And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written:

18 “The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me,
Because He has anointed Me
To preach the gospel to the poor;
He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted,
To proclaim liberty to the captives
And recovery of sight to the blind,
To set at liberty those who are oppressed;
19 To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.”

20 Then He closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him. 21 And He began to say to them, “Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.” 22 So

all bore witness to Him, and marveled at the gracious words which proceeded out of His mouth. And they said, "Is this not Joseph's son?"

P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it!

Alleluia



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits on the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn of the Day

WS 718 O Jesus, King of Glory (vv. 1, 3-5)

Sermon

Acts 8:25-40 (ESV)

Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place. 27 And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship 28 and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. 29 And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot." 30 So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" 31 And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he

invited Philip to come up and sit with him. 32 Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter
and like a lamb before its shearer is silent,
so he opens not his mouth.

33 In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?
For his life is taken away from the earth.”

34 And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” 35 Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. 36 And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?” 38 And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. 39 And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. 40 But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

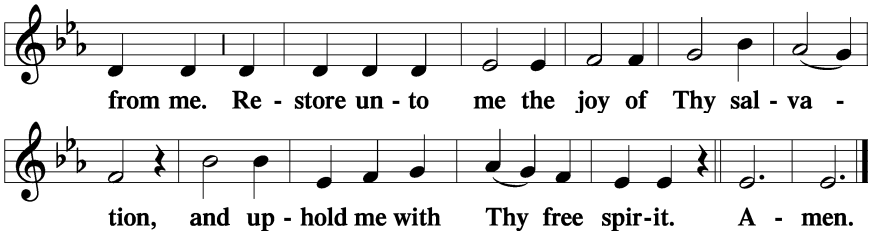
THE SCRIPTURES SHOW US THE SAVIOR
I: His identity
II: His work
III: His gifts

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Offertory

TLH pg 12

C Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it



from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

Hymn

LSB 402 The Only Son From Heaven

Offering

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

TLH pg 24

P The Lord be with you!

C And also with you!

P Lift up your hearts!

C We lift them up to the Lord.


P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C It is proper and beneficial for us to do so.

P It is truly proper and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God. For You have revealed Yourself to the world through the power of Your Word so that every soul that calls on the Name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, is saved. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

TLH pg 26



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,



bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

TLH pg 26

P Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. . .



C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

The Words of Institution

TLH pg 27

Pax Domini

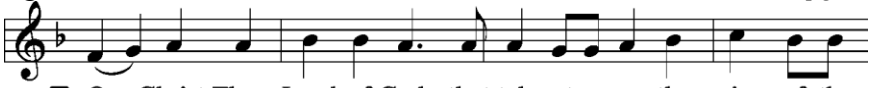
P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei

TLH pg 28



C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the
world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Distribution

A NOTE TO OUR GUESTS ABOUT COMMUNION: All CLC churches practice "close communion." **We ask that only those who are members of our church or another congregation in the CLC come forward to receive the Sacrament.** This is NOT a judgment on your faith! Rather, it is an expression of our own faith and unity. If you would like more information, or are interested in becoming a member, please speak to the pastor.

Nunc Dimittis

TLH pg 29

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-
cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

Thanksgiving

TLH pg 30

P Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

C And His mercy endures forever!

P Let us pray:

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we pray that You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Closing Hymn

TLH 129 Hail, Thou Source of Every Blessing

Silent Prayer

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Welcome to Worship at Trinity!

Please wait to be ushered out of the sanctuary. Please do not leave any bulletins or other materials behind. Offerings may be left in the offering plate in the rear of the sanctuary or mailed to the church.

Guest and Visitors, we are delighted to have you here for worship with us this morning and are grateful for the opportunity to share the saving gospel message of Jesus Christ with you! Because He lives, we shall live also! We invite you to sign our guest book in the entryway. Please speak to the members and pastor if you wish to learn more about the Gospel ministry here at *Trinity*, and we hope to see you again!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNUAL VOTERS MEETING – Trinity's annual voter's meeting will take place one week from today (1/14) after worship. Voting members, please plan to be there. Non-voting members are also welcome to join – your input helps us to make decisions that more faithfully reflect the will of the whole congregation.

MEMBER INFO FORM – Member info forms were distributed to update our information on current members and collect information from new members. This is helpful for a lot of reasons (church directory, calendars, funeral planning, to name a few), so please fill one out. If you need a form, they are in the bottom right slot of the church mailboxes.

National Women's Retreat--You're Invited! – Join your Christian sisters near and far at the next virtual retreat held via Zoom on Saturday, January 20th (Noon Eastern / 11:00 a.m. Central / 10:00 a.m. Mountain / 9:00 a.m. Pacific). This year's theme is "Press Pause: God Made Me..." and will highlight the differing gifts that God gave each of us to use to His glory. Register at: <http://tinyurl.com/NatRetreat24> Questions? Contact teichstadt@gmail.com or 651-398-2386.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

- **David Hein**, who many of you will remember from His time working on the Hein family farm, suffered a serious work accident on Friday which caused extensive damage to his left arm. We thank God for preserving David's life, and ask Him to be with David in His recovery.
- **Tracy Poffenroth** underwent successful open heart surgery and is now in recovery at home. We thank God for granting Him a successful operation, and pray he be spared any unnecessary pain as he heals.

- **Lorraine Poetter** was hospitalized after having a seizure and has now been moved to St. Luke's for rehabilitation. We thank God for blessing her recovery and ask Him to continue to visit her with His grace.
- **Kate Sauers**, wife of Pastor Rob Sauers who serves Immanuel Lutheran Church in Winter Haven FL, has been battling with lymphoma. May God keep Kate in His loving care and bless the family with Gospel comfort.
- **Molly's friend, Jeanne**, has continued to take chemotherapy treatment to treat a brain tumor. May the Lord, in His love, alleviate any pain and suffering and grant healing according to His will.
- Please keep **Pastor John Hein and his family** in your prayers as he continues treatment for his thymic carcinoma. For updates on his care, visit: <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/pastorjohnhein>. Additionally, a GoFundMe has been set up to help offset medical and travel expenses: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/john-and-janelle-hein-family>.

CALL NEWS

<> Pastor Thomas Schuetze of St. Paul Lutheran of Lakewood, CO is *considering* the calls from Calvary Lutheran of Marquette, MI and St. Peter's Lutheran of Iron River, MI.

<> Pastor Aaron Ude of Good Shepherd Lutheran in Rapid City, SD is *considering* the call from Immanuel Lutheran in Mankato, MN.

FRUITS OF FAITH AT TRINITY		
Date	Attendance	Offering
12/17/23	25	\$1,030
12/24/23	31	\$860
12/25/23	20	\$1,055
12/31/23	19	\$895

GREETER SCHEDULE	
Next Sunday	Ben Reim
1/21	Laurie White
1/28	Tom & Molly Bettinger

JANUARY CLEANING SCHEDULE	
North Entry	Clark
Sanctuary	Helke
Basement	Naumann